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E. O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: THE PLO IN THE IAEA

REF: STATE 212234

1. AS INSTRUCTED POLCOUN SEPTEMBER 1 MADE THE DEMARCHE ALONG THE LINES OF PARAS 1, 2 AND 5 OF REFTEL TO FONMINISTRY DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL AFFAIRS JORGE BERGUNO. THE OFFICIAL SAID THAT THE GOC POSITION WAS UNDER DISCUSSION AT THE MOMENT. THE FUNCTIONAL DIRECTORS OF THE MINISTRY HAD ARGUED AGAINST EXTENDING AN INVITATION TO THE PLO, PRETTY MUCH ALONG THE LINES OF THE EMBASSY'S DEMARCHE. THE POLITICAL AREA, HOWEVER, HAD ARGUED IN FAVOR OF A CHILEAN ABSTENTION, FOLLOWING THE GOC'S GENERAL LINE OF NOT OPPOSING THE PLO IN DEFERENCE TO THE ARAB WORLD. BERGUNO THOUGHT THAT THE LATTER POSITION WOULD BE ADOPTED BUT ASKED THE EMBASSY TO SUBMIT AN AIDE MEMOIRE TO BE CONSIDERED DURING THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS. THE EMBASSY SEPTEMBER 2 SUBMITTED AN AIDE MEMOIRE DRAWING ON THE RELEVANT PARAGRAPHS.

2. BERGUNO OFFERED THE COMMENT THAT AS FAR AS HE KNEW, THE US AND GOC POSITIONS IN VIENNA WERE OTHERWISE CONSISTENT. HE MENTIONED ONE ISSUE OF SOME CONCERN TO THE GOC: AN INITIATIVE TO FORM REGIONAL BODIES UNDER THE IAEA. CHILE DOES NOT FAVOR SUCH AN ORGANIZATION: IT DISAGREES WITH BRAZIL AND ARGENTINA ON NUCLEAR MATTERS AND WOULD PREFER TO AVOID HAVING TO EXPOSE ITS DIFFERENCES IN SUCH A REGIONAL SETTING.

3. COMMENT: ABSTENTION ON THE PLO ISSUE WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH GENERAL CHILEAN MULTILATERAL AND MIDDLE EAST POLICY.
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